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Mr. Ed Mihelich, Vice President Quintana Minerals Corporation 601 Jefferson, 40th Floor Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Mr. Mihelich:

RE: Test Adit Scenario, Syntana Project, ACT/047/021, Uintah County, Utah

Thank you for your letter of September 25, 1985 apprising the Division of the latest status of the Syntana-Utah Project. As was outlined in the Division letter to you (dated July 11, 1985), postponement will not necessitate a subsequent technical review unless either the Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) or the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act is modified.

Incremental bonding is a viable option. Quintana Minerals would only bond for the amount of disturbance anticipated. For example, a mine plan for a test adit (perhaps excerpted from the MRP) would be submitted for approval indicating the extent of work, reclamation and any monitoring anticipated for the test adit. A bond estimate would also be submitted to the Division for approval. After the bond is posted, then work could proceed with the test adit.

Please let us know any further developments. Thank you again for your cooperation.

Best regards,

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